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MINUTES

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OF THE

SECOND ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

SOUTH BETHEL

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

WEST BEND BAPTIST CHURCH,

CLARKE COUNTY, ALABAMA,

OCTOBER 1, 2, 3, and 4, 1885.

OFFICERS:

J. R. COWAN	Moderator	Cunningham, Ala.
J. H. CREIGHTON	Clerk	Grove Hill, Ala.
T. J. COWAN	Treasurer	Coffeeville, Ala.

The next session of the Association will be held with the Elam Baptist Church, Clarke county, Alabama, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1886.

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MINUTES.

The Second Annual Session of the South Bethel Baptist Association convened with the West Bend church, on Thursday morning, October 1st, 1885, and was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by the Moderator, J. R. Cowan.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder C. J. Miles.

The Introductory sermon was preached by J. H. Creighton from Acts 10:33, "Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God."

A short address of welcome by Elder J. W. Dickinson, pastor of West Bend church.

The Association then adjourned until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Opened with prayer by Elder C. J. Miles.

Preparatory to permanent organization the Church Letters were called for, and by request of the Moderator, were read by Brothers W. B. Williams and S. A. Adams, and the following messengers were enrolled:

Hoboken—W. B. Williams and J. L. Hasty.
Ulconush—J. M. White, S. A. Adams and J. D. Bedwell.
Cane Creek—Letter, but no messengers present.
Indian Springs—H. E. Trawick.
Elam—J. D. Hudson, J. G. Williams and T. L. Williams.
Evergreen—C. H. Bradley.
River Hill—A. J. Anderson.
Forest Springs—G. P. Crenshaw, D. F. Little and A. J. Hearn.
Stone Creek—R. J. W. DeWitt, Daniel Howell and A. J. Stringer.
New Hope—A. B. Stuts.
West Bend—J. R. Cowan, A. J. Pace and W. F. Thornton.
New Prospect—W. J. Clanton.
Deep Creek—W. N. Nichols, C. J. Miles and T. J. Bettis.
Jackson—No messenger.
Mt. Vernon—W. T. Kimbro, W. L. Hinson and J. B. Small.
Horeb—T. A. Creighton and J. H. Creighton.
Bassett's Creek—J. H. Fendley, Jas. Kelley and T. J. Daniel.
Lower Peach Tree—H. Adams.
Grove Hill—J. W. Dickinson.
Peniel—W. A. Payne, C. C. McMullen and J. E. Payne.

Rockville—F. T. Payne.
Mt. Gilead—A. G. Coleman.
Amity—R. J. Cooper.
Pleasant Grove—Not represented.
Salem—Not represented.
Enon—Not represented.
Satilpa—Dissolved.
Friendship—Not represented.

The Association proceeded to elect permanent officers, Brethren J. W. Dickinson and S. A. Adams acting tellers. Brother J. H. Fendley put in nomination J. R. Cowan for Moderator, J. H. Creighton for Clerk, and T. J. Cowan for Treasurer. The result of the election as follows: J. R. Cowan, Moderator; J. H. Creighton, Clerk; T. J. Cowan, Treasurer.

The Moderator and Clerk thanked the Association for the compliment of re-election to the offices.

Petitionary letters called for. Whereupon Witch Creek and Canetouchy presented letters asking membership in this body; granted, and the hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator to their messengers, D. Walton, E. F. Walton, A. Cassity, James Wade and James Webb.

On motion of Brother W. B. Williams, Brother H. C. Mason was recognized as Corresponding Messenger and Colporteur from the Antioch Association.

Brother B. Turner and Miss Nettie Brown were recognized as Corresponding Messengers from Bigbee Association.

The report of Committee on Order of Business was offered by Brother A. J. Pace and read by Brother J. W. Dickinson. The report was adopted with a slight change.

The Moderator announced the following committees to report during this session of the Association.

On Preaching—Pastor and Deacons of West Bend church.
On Finance—A. J. Pace, W. N. Nichols and T. A. Creighton.
On Nominations, Documents and Requests—F. T. Payne, T. L. Williams, A. G. Coleman and R. J. Cooper.
On Religious Literature—H. Adams, A. J. Stringer and J. D. Bedwell.
On Correspondence—J. H. Fendley, J. B. Small and C. H. Bradley.

The Committee on Preaching made the following report, which was concurred in: Elder J. H. Fendley to preach here to-night at the usual hour.

E. S. THORNTON, Chairman.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.
Brother J. H. Fendley preached according to appointment.

FRIDAY.

9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Devotional exercises conducted by Brother J. B. Small.

Minutes of first day read and adopted.

On motion of Brother J. W. Dickinson, any brethren present may be enrolled as messengers in the place of the appointed messengers where it was known that they would not be here.

By request of Brother J. W. Dickinson, the Moderator added Brethren T. A. Creighton and G. P. Crenshaw to the Committee on Preaching.

By request of Brother F. T. Payne, the Moderator added Brethren W. B. Williams and J. B. Small to the Committee on Ministerial Education in place of Dr. T. J. Bettis and Brother J. W. Armistead, absent.

In the absence of the Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers, and their widows and orphans, the Moderator appointed Brethren J. H. Fendley, S. A. Adams and W. T. Kimbro, on same.

The Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers not ready to report, the order of business was suspended and the report on Temperance was called for, and the Committee being absent, the order of business was again suspended and miscellaneous business was taken up.

A letter from the Editor of the ALABAMA BAPTIST requesting co-operation and the prayers of the Association, was read by Brother J. W. Dickinson.

On motion of Brother H. Adams, the Association engaged in prayer, Brother Adams leading.

The order of business was resumed.

The Committee on Temperance made their report, which was discussed by Brothers H. Adams, J. W. Dickinson, W. B. Williams and J. B. Small, then adopted.—(Appendix A.)

The Moderator announced the following Committee on apportionment: W. B. Williams, C. C. McMullen and G. P. Crenshaw.

The Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers, and their widows and orphans, made a report, which was discussed by Brother J. H. Fendley. Pending the discussion, a collection was taken for Brother N. Thomas and Sisters DeWitt and Hickson. Collection fifteen dollars, and Brother Fendley requested to forward the same to them. The report was then adopted.—(Appendix B.)

Adjourned until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Brother A. J. Hearn.

The roll of messengers called and corrected.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder J. B. Small to preach to-night. Brother Small not feeling well, asked to be excused, and Elder W. B. Williams was appointed in the place of Brother Small.

The Committee on Nominations made the following partial report: That the next Convention of this body be held with Amity church, on Thursday before first Sunday in October, 1886, which was amended by striking out Amity and inserting Elam, and then adopted.

The Committee on preaching reported that they had appointed Elder J. W. Dickinson to preach the Missionary sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock in place of Elder W. H. DeWitt, who was sick and would not be here.

The Committee on State of Religion in the Churches made their report which was discussed by Brothers Dickinson, Bettis, Small, Anderson and Fendley, and adopted.—(Appendix C.)

The Committee on Woman's Work not ready to report, the order of business was suspended and the Committee on Bible and Colportage Work made their report, which was discussed by Brothers Miles, Creighton and Small.

Adjourned until to-morrow.

Friday night, preaching by Elder W. B. Williams.

SATURDAY.

9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Moderator called the Association to order, J. H. Creighton conducting religious exercises.

The Committee on Correspondence made their report, which was recommitted for amendment.

The Committee on Woman's Work made their report, which was discussed by Brother Hearn and adopted.—(Appendix D.)

The report on Religious Literature was offered by Committee and discussed by Brothers Turner, Hearn, Miles and Bettis, and adopted.—(Appendix E.)

The Committee on Correspondence made their report, which was adopted.—(Appendix F.)

The report on Missions was made and discussed in the following order: Elder J. W. Dickinson representing Home Missions; State Missions by J. H. Creighton.

Elder Jas. Kelly made a report of work he had performed in this Association, part of which without any promise of compensation, whereupon the Association took a collection for him amounting to $13.75.

The Association adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Association called to order at 2 o'clock by Moderator.

Prayer by Brother W. B. Williams.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Brother S. A. Adams had been appointed to preach to-night.

The Committee on Nominations, Documents and Requests made their report, which was adopted.—(Appendix G.)

The Association resumed a further consideration of the report on Missions. Brothers Miles and Williams discussed Home and State Missions, Brothers Dickinson and Creighton representing Foreign Missions, after which it was adopted.—(Appendix H.)

The report on Colportage was again taken up and the discussion was resumed; and on motion of J. H. Creighton, the report was amended recommending the raising of a permanent fund of $100, including the amounts paid during the last Associational year by the churches for this Association. The following subscriptions, in cash and pledges, were made:

PLEDGES.		CASH.	
J. H. Creighton	$10 00	J. R. Cowan	$ 1 00
J. B. Small, for churches	5 00	A. G. Coleman	1 00
J. W. Dickinson "	20 00	T. J. Cowan	1 00
Enoch Walton "	1 00	Dr. Bettis and W. Nichols, for Deep Creek	12 00
F. T. Payne "	5 00	Dr. G. E. Jones	1 00
R. J. Cooper "	2 50	J. A. Turner	50
Hoboken church	5 00	T. A. Long	25
Elam "	3 00	W. D. Dunn	50

Amount in cash	$17 25
Amount in pledges	51 50
Amount paid by the churches during last year	29 09
Total	$97 84

The cash turned over to Treasurer to report to the Corresponding Secretary of State Mission Board as a permanent colportage fund for the South Bethel Association.

On motion, the fund be called the John Talpert and L. L. Dewitt fund. The report adopted.—(Appendix I.)

The Committee on Ministerial Education made their report, which was discussed by Brothers Williams, Dr. Bettis, J. R. Cowan, Dickinson and S. A. Adams, and adopted.—(Appendix J.)

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

Saturday night, preaching by Brother S. A. Adams.

SUNDAY.

9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

After devotional exercises the following business was transacted :

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was adopted.—(Appendix K.)

The Committee on Distribution made a report, which was amended and then adopted.—(Appendix L.)

The report on Sabbath Schools was submitted by Committee and discussed by Brethren Miles and Bettis, and adopted.—(Appendix M.)

The following resolution was offered by J. H. Creighton :

Resolved, That the collection to be made to-day, be appropriated to the building of churches.

Adopted.

Brother W. B. Williams offered the following resolution :

Resolved, As an Association we desire to thank the members and friends of West Bend church for the hospitable and kind manner in which they have entertained our delegates and friends.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees :

On Aged and Infirm Ministers, their Widows and Orphans—Elder J. W. Dickinson, J. D. Bedwell and J. W. Armistead.

On Ministerial Education—Isaac Grant, T. A. Creighton and Dr. B. Boroughs.

On Sabbath Schools—Dr. T. J. Bettis, W. J. Thornton and S. T. Durden.

On Temperance—Elder J. H. Creighton, F. T. Payne and J. D. Payne.

On Missions—Elder W. B. Williams, J. D. Bedwell and T. I. Kimbell.

On Ladies' Aid Society—Elders J. B. Small, A. J. Hearn and Enoch J. Walton.

On Order of Business—W. N. Nichols, J. D. Cowan and T. L. Williams.

On Religious State of Churches—Rev. S. A. Adams, Daniel Howell and R. J. Cooper.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Elder J. W. Dickinson preached the sermon on Missions from 1 Cor. 3:9, "Ye are God's husbandry."

Collection taken up for church building purposes amounting to $18.20. The amount was divided equally between Suggsville and Witch Creek churches, except $1.00, which was given especially for Suggsville. Brother Miles received the money for Witch Creek, and J. H. Creighton for Suggsville.

The Treasurer made his report, which was adopted.—(Appendix M.)

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following brethren to confer with the State Mission Board in regard to the Mission

work in this Association: J. H. Creighton, J. W. Dickinson, J. H. Fendly, C. J. Miles and W. N. Nichols.

On motion, the Clerk was requested to have as many copies of the minutes published as the funds will pay for after retaining $15.00 for his services, for writing and distributing the same.

Adjourned to meet with Elam church, on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1886, at 10 o'clock A. M.

J. R. COWAN, Moderator.

J. H. CREIGHTON, Clerk.

APPENDICES.

(APPENDIX A.)

Your Committee on Temperance offer the following as their report:

It is with pleasure that your Committee report the outlook of the temperance cause. Our army is strong and still strengthening. The tramp of myriads is heard in the distance marching on to reinforce our ranks. Realizing the power of our great denomination, we urge them to wield their influence in behalf of prohibition. It is time for every Christian to shoulder arms and fall into ranks. The State legislatures are giving this subject serious thought. Several States have adopted prohibition laws. A few of them have ordered the public schools to teach the effects of alcoholic drinks on the human system. So much has this subject warmed the bosom of every true patriot, that it has forced its way into the halls of the United States Congress. While we do not fear the final issue of the struggle between temperance and its foes, yet we urge every man to do his duty. We believe it to be our duty as a religious body and as individual Christians to labor for constitutional prohibition. In the election of officers this should not be forgotten. No man who is a friend to the liquor traffic should have the authority and the influence which an office gives him. May the prayer go up from fifty million people in America: The Lord rule over us with temperate, God-fearing and God-serving men.

H. ADAMS, Chairman.

(APPENDIX B.)

The following is the report on Aged and Infirm Ministers and their Widows and Orphans:

Your Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers and their Widows and Orphans submit the following report: So far as we have been able to ascertain there has been only $16.60 collected during the present year by this Association.

We are unable to report the amount expended by the State Mission Board in this direction.

We mention the following named persons as subjects, to-wit: Elder N. Thomas, of Pine Hill, Wilcox county; Sister L. L. DeWitt, of Rural, and Sister Reuben Hickson, of Grove Hill, Clarke county.

Resolved, While your Committee is glad to report that there has been an increase of interest, we lament that there has not been more done in this direction, and would urge upon our Association the necessity of united effort and increased liberality.

J. H. FENDLY, Chairman.

(APPENDIX C.)

The following is the report of the Committee on the State of Religion:

Your Committee has examined carefully the letters sent up by the churches, and find that some of them have fallen considerably below the apportionment made at the last session of the body, while others have magnanimously responded in the amounts asked of them.

We have reason, however, to believe that many of the members of the churches composing the Association are strangers to the grace of liberality.

As to increase of numbers there are 122 reported additions by baptism and restoration.

Out of the 29 churches, 17 have reported Sabbath schools, aggregating 648 members.

When we consider the fact that this Association numbers nearly 2,000 members, we are forced to the conclusion that there is a very limited interest felt in Sabbath school work by the masses of church members.

Recognizing the fact that numerical and financial strength does not necessarily indicate spiritual power and aggressiveness, your Committee has conferred freely with the pastors on the subject, and very frankly have they admitted, that while there has been advancement in this direction by the few, there is not as high type of Christain character amongst the masses as might be reasonably expected in view of the light shared by and the labor bestowed upon them.

JAS. W. DICKINSON, Chairman.

(APPENDIX D.)

Your Committee on Woman's Work beg leave to report: That we have been unable to ascertain the amount of work done by the societies composed of the sisters, for the various enterprises fostered by us as a denomination. We know of but four organized societies in our Association, and they have acquitted themselves to their credit, by having been earnestly and persistently engaged in what ever they have undertaken. And rarely have they stopped short of a success. And where they have been appointed on committees to raise money for any purpose, they have been able, in most cases, to respond satisfactorily.

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend that our churches avail themselves of the power and influence there is in the Sisterhood in the great cause we have espoused.

A. J. HEARN, Chairman.

(APPENDIX E.)

Your Committee on Religious Literature make the following report:

Aware of the truth that the press has ever been an agent of great power, we are also conscious of the fact that it must be carefully and properly directed to make it an agent for good. In view of this, we do not believe that this body can be too prudent in recommending Religious Literature to the Baptists of this Association.

We regret to say, that we have no means at hand of ascertaining and reporting the work of the State Board, during the year, in this enterprise.

We are happy to recommend our State organ, the *Alabama Baptist* as a paper deserving the earnest support of every Baptist. Believing its success to be, in a great measure, essential to the further development and welfare of the Baptist cause in our midst, we would earnestly urge that the pastors of the several churches do all they can in extending the circulation of the *Alabama Baptist* among their people.

We would not forget to mention and recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, which will keep us posted in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We also recommend in the Sabbath school work the international lessons, as published by *Kind Words*, and by the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia.

H. ADAMS, Chairman.

(APPENDIX F.)

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report the following letter to the Alabama State Convention, and also to the Bethel, Antioch and Bigbee Association:

Dear Brethren :—We delegate, as messengers to represent us in your bodies, any members of our Association who may be present.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Fendley.

(APPENDIX G.)

Your Committee on Nominations, Documents and Requests submit the following report :

On Nominations, we suggest that any brother attending the Alabama Baptist State Convention and Sister Associations be authorized to represent us.

We recommend that Elder A. J. Hearn preach the Introductory sermon at the next Convention of this body, and that Elder J. B. Small be alternate; that Elder W. H. DeWitt preach a doctrinal sermon at 11 o'clock on Sunday, W. B. Williams, alternate.

On Requests. Two applications have been made for membership in this Association from Witch Creek and Canetouchy, which have been granted.

We recommend the time and place for the next meeting to be as already fixed by the Association.

F. T. Payne, Chairman.

(APPENDIX H.)

Your Committee on Missions make the following report :

It is needless to produce arguments to prove that a spirit of Missions should exist in the heart of every lover of Jesus. Every Bible reader finds this truth inscribed upon the sacred pages. The same spirit which actuates us to give the gospel to others, caused God to send his Son to earth as a savior of mankind. The performance of this duty now and then will not suffice; but a constant, increasing discharge of it, is required. So long as the commission remains emblazoned upon God's word, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," so long will this duty be required of us.

The good results of this work are sufficient to convince every one of its necessity, and scripturalness. From a little work in which only a few were interested, it has grown to one of vast importance in which nations are engaged.

For convenience and effectiveness, our Mission work is divided into three branches, each branch having its board located at a convenient point. Dr. H. A. Tupper, Richmond, Va., is Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; Dr I. T. Tichenor, Atlanta, Ga., Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board; Dr. T. M. Bailey, Marion, Ala., of State Mission Board. The Mission work in all its branches aims at one common end that good may be done to the Redeemer's cause, and each branch should be of equal importance in the minds and hearts of God's children.

1st, State Missions.—This Mission has just closed its first decade. The work that has been done shows its importance. When it started 19 Associations worked with the State Convention, now there are 52; then many county towns were without churches, now there are only four. Churches and church houses have been built at Anniston, Calera, Elba, St. Stephens, Demopolis, Madison, Pensacola Junction, Goodwater, Linden, Turners, Albritton, and in other villages, and many places in the country. Many weak churches, at important places, through the aid given them by the Board, have been enabled to have pastors. Among these places are Jackson and Suggsville in our own bounds. By the help of this Board much Baptist literature has been distributed. The Board has done much also in building up a missionary spirit among our churches and pastors.

2d, Home Missions.—If no other field in the limits of this Board, demanded our prayers and benefactions, than New Orleans, it would be enough to claim all and more than we are doing. New Orleans is the Rome of America. There thousands of people are Priest-ridden, and burdened by the unscriptural rules of the Catholic church. But then, there is the Indian who receives the

gospel through this Board. Fields in several of the Southern States are occupied by this Board. Since the Southern Baptist Convention met in May 1,000 additions have been made to the Baptists, through the work of the Board. And a total addition for 12 months of 4,064. There is a pressing call just now to help this Board.

3d, Foreign Missions.—New fields are now opened for this Board to occupy. New missionaries have been sent this year, and new appointees are expecting to start soon. This has been a year of afflictions with some of the missionaries; three have buried their wives, and one of them buried also a child; others have been sick.

Dear brethren, we ought to enable our Secretaries to avail themselves of the openings in their different fields; this we can do by putting money in the treasury.

We recommend that our churches do not slacken their efforts, but quicken and press them on to a greater degree of success in this important work of God's.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. Williams, Chairman.

(APPENDIX I.)

The Committee on Bible and Colportage Work made the following report:

While the press is recognized as a great power for circulating the literature of the day, we feel that it is our indispensable duty to use it in spreading abroad a knowledge of the word of God, both circulating Bibles, Testaments and religious books. There has been some little done in this direction in our Association this year through the solicitation of our Secretary, Elder T. M. Bailey, who is engaged in the work. We have sold one Family Bible, half dozen small Bibles, and about the same number of Testaments, some religious books, and supplied four Sunday schools with books. We began late in the year; times hard and money scarce. The people want books but say they are not able to buy them. We feel the importance of the work.

Resolved, That we now attempt to raise $100.00 for a permanent fund for Colportage work in this Association, and that the pastors of the churches be urged to raise the deficit in their respective churches.

Respectfully submitted, C. J. Miles, Chairman.

(APPENDIX J.)

The Committee on Ministerial Education made the following report:

We live in an age of progressive enlightenment. It has ever been true in the history of man, that intellect prevailed over ignorance. It is against the order of things for people to rise higher than their leaders; but if people do realize that they have grown intellectually higher than their leaders, they clamor for a change and call for men who are able to lead them up still higher. The time has come to some communities, and appears to be coming to others, when they say to an uneducated ministry, You are unable to teach us. Chagrin, mortification and self-dissatisfaction are the possessions of the minister who feels himself mentally disqualified to teach his people. With all the facilities for education that are in our reach, and with men who are desirous to enjoy these facilities, and willing to deny themselves the offers of other vocations, and to consecrate themselves to the work of the ministry, who are responsible if our poor young ministers are not educated for this great work? Surely, brethren, those are whom God has entrusted with the means that would give them the education.

The present plan of Ministerial Education is so well arranged that a minister can be easily sent to Howard College; $100 00 will pay board, $10.00 the matriculation fee. Last year 27 students were aided in Howard College. The Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education in a communication to the Alabama Baptist of September 10th, says: "Eighteen applications are in hand." Doubtless others are in hand now. Arrangements are made to examine appli-

cants at either Selma or Marion. Gratuitous lectures were given by able divines to the theologues at Howard College last year. The Board ask the Baptists of Alabama to contribute to this important enterprise of our denomination. And we, your Committee, recommend:

1st, That the churches of our Association foster with tender care this enterprise, and give it their co-operation by contributing liberally to its demands.

2d, That as opportunities offer, our churches encourage the rising ministry to procure the advantages gained by education.

3d, That we recommend the Association to raise for this enterprise $100.00.

Respectfully submitted, W. B. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

(APPENDIX K.)

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report as follows:- We have received in cash and vouchers—

For State Missions	$174 30	
Home Missions	91 13	
Foreign Missions	95 23	
Colportage and Bible Work	32 19	
Indigent Ministers	16 60	
Evangelization of colored people	5 20	
Ministerial Education	66 69	
Minute fund	39 00	
Church building fund	20 00	
Total	$540 32	$540 32

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By amount of vouchers	$330 42	
cash paid Treasurer	209 90	
Total	$540 32	$540 32

A. J. PACE, Chairman.

Note by the Clerk.—The following amounts were collected at the Association and since the Association adjourned, which did not pass through the hands of the Finance Committee:

For Permanent Colportage fund, cash,	$ 17 25
Permanent Colportage fund, pledges,	51 50
Elder N. Thomas and Sisters Dewitt and Hickson	15 00
Elder Jas. Kelley (Ala. Baptist $2.00, cash $11.75,)	13 75

AMOUNTS RECEIVED SINCE ASSOCIATION ADJOURNED.

From Enon church for minutes	$ 1 50	
Enon church for Associational purposes	15 00	
Salem church for minutes	2 00	
Suggsville church for State Missions	20 00	
Total	$136 00	
Add collections reported by Committee	540 32	
Aggregate amount collected		$676 32

The amounts for missions, &c., have been reported to Rev. T. M. Bailey and for minutes applied to the minute fund. CLERK.

(APPENDIX L.)

Your Committee on Apportionment recommend that the apportionment remain as it was for last year, except the churches named below which have been apportioned as follows:

Hew Hope	$30 00	Mt. Vernon	$20 00
Amity	15 00	Uleonush	30 00
New Prospect	10 00	Witch Creek	2 50
Friendship	2 50	Canetouchy	2 50

All to be left the colportage fund of last year.

W. B. Williams,
G. P. Crenshaw,
C. C. McMullen,
Committee.

(APPENDIX M.)

The following is the report on Sabbath Schools:

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, have to report that, having examined the letters to the Association, we find reported 19 Sabbath schools with 79 teachers and 559 scholars; and we also learn from delegates present of six other Baptist Sabbath schools with an average attendance of about 150, which are not reported in the letters, aggregating for our Association 25 schools with about 709 scholars. Of the total attendance on Sabbath schools of our Association, only about 200 are church members, which would give about one-tenth of the membership in attendance on Sabbath schools. While we deplore very much the indifference manifested in our midst towards this great work, yet we are gratified to report a marked increase of interest since the last meeting of your body, at which time it seems there were only fourteen Sabbath schools with 235 scholars. The different schools, we learn, have been much more regular in their meetings, and the attendance better than heretofore. We deem it unnecessary to lengthen our report by any exhortation to more diligence in this work, but, in order to impress our brethren with its great importance, would state that nine-tenths of the conversions in our Association during the past year have been Sabbath school scholars. Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Thornton, Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. J. Cowan, Treasurer.

In account with South Bethel Association.

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Oct. 4,	To balance on hand as per former report		$180 10

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Oct. 6,	By amount for ministerial education (vouchers)	$21 00		
Dec. 8,	State missions (vouchers)	67 25		
	church building in Alabama	3 00		
	aged and infirm ministers	1 00		
	Home Missions (vouchers)	37 25		
	Foreign " "	49 00		
	unappropriated "	1 50		
	balance on hand		10	$180 10

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Oct. 4,	To amount of cash from Finance Committee	$209 90

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS OF SOUTH BETHEL ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

H. Adams, Lower Peach Tree, Ala.; C. J. Miles, W. H. DeWitt, Nicholsville, Ala.; A. J. Hearn, Morvin, Ala.; W. B. Williams, Hoboken, Ala.; J. H. Fendley, J. W. Dickinson, Wm. Hill, J. H. Creighton, Grove Hill, Ala.; David Hudson, Choctaw Corner, Ala.; A. J. Stringer, R. J. W. DeWitt, J. V. Stringer, Jackson, Ala.; W. W. Whatley, Wilm, Ala.; James Kelley, Nettleborough, Ala.; J. B. Small, Baggett, Ala.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	AMOUNTS PAID. State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Colportage.	Aged and Infirm Ministers.	Bible Work.	Evangelization of Col. People.	Ministerial Education.	Minutes.	Incidental Church Expenses.	Church Building Fund.	Annual Salary of Pastor.	Totals.	AMOUNTS ASKED FOR BY THE ASSOCIATION. State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Bible Work.	Indigent Ministers.	Evangelization of Col. People.	Ministerial Education.	Totals.
Horeb	$ 11 19	$ 4 65	$ 4 65	$ 2 40	$ 1 20	60	60	$ 4 65	$ 1 50	$ 7 00	$....	$ 60 00	$ 98 50	$ 11 19	$ 4 65	$ 4 65	60	$ 1 20	60	$ 4 65	$ 27 60
Rockville	5 62	2 33	2 33	1 20	60	30	30	2 32	1 00	.....	.....	60 00	76 00	5 62	2 33	2 33	30	60	30	2 32	13 80
Grove Hill	18 74	7 76	7 76	4 00	2 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	7 74	2 50	.....	.....	150 00	202 50	18 74	7 76	7 76	$ 1 00	2 00	$ 1 00	7 74	46 00
Amity	5 00	2 40	2 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	1 50	5 00	.....	80 00	98 30	5 62	2 33	2 33	30	60	30	2 32	13 80
Peniel	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 50	50	.....	50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	20 00	7 46	3 10	3 10	40	80	40	3 10	18 40
River Hill	3 00	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	3 73	1 55	1 55	20	40	20	1 55	9 20
Stave Creek	2 00	2 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	6 50	5 62	2 33	2 33	30	60	30	2 32	13 80
Pleasant Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 62	2 33	2 33	30	60	30	2 32	13 80
New Hope	7 50	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	2 50	.....	.....	150 00	174 00	11 19	4 65	4 65	60	1 20	60	4 65	27 60
Evergreen	1 87	77	77	70	10	44	20	10	75	.....	.....	.....	5 75	1 87	77	77	40	10	20	10	4 22
Forest Springs	8 00	4 00	4 00	45	1 00	50	50	2 00	2 50	.....	.....	150 00	172 95	18 74	7 76	7 76	$ 1 00	2 00	1 00	7 74	46 00
Salem	5 00	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	100 00	112 00	7 46	3 10	3 10	40	80	40	3 10	18 40
Cane Creek	.....	3 00	2 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	6 30	3 73	1 55	1 55	20	40	20	1 55	9 20
Ulconush	9 37	3 88	3 85	2 00	1 00	50	50	3 87	3 00	.....	.....	.....	28 00	11 19	4 65	4 65	60	1 20	60	4 65	27 60
New Prospect	65	50	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	2 30	3 73	1 55	1 55	20	40	20	1 55	9 20
Mt. Gilead	.....	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	7 46	3 10	3 10	40	80	40	3 10	18 40
Elam	3 00	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	2 00	6 35	.....	100 00	117 10	9 37	3 88	3 88	50	1 00	50	3 87	23 00
Mt. Vernon	.....	6 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 55	.....	.....	.....	11 55	7 46	3 10	3 10	40	80	40	3 10	18 40
Hoboken	7 50	3 10	3 10	1 60	80	40	40	3 10	1 55	.....	.....	.....	21 55	7 50	3 10	3 10	40	80	40	3 10	18 40
Deep Creek	46 00	16 65	16 65	6 00	5 00	.....	.....	22 50	1 50	100 00	20 00	150 00	404 30	28 12	11 63	11 63	1 50	3 00	1 50	11 62	69 00
Bassett's Creek	3 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 62	2 33	2 33	30	60	30	2 32	13 80
Lower Peach Tree	9 37	3 88	3 88	2 00	1 00	50	50	3 87	1 50	.....	.....	150 00	176 50	9 37	3 88	3 88	50	1 00	50	3 87	23 00
West Bend	18 74	7 76	7 76	4 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	7 74	3 00	55	.....	150 00	258 00	18 74	7 76	7 76	1 00	2 00	1 00	7 74	46 00
Jackson	3 73	1 55	1 55	80	40	20	20	1 55	1 00	5 00	.....	60 00	76 00	3 73	1 55	1 55	20	40	20	1 55	9 20
Friendship	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93	39	39	5	10	5	38	2 30
Indian Springs	.....	4 00	3 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15	.....	.....	.....	8 80	5 62	2 33	2 33	35	60	30	2 32	13 80
Enon	5 62	2 33	2 33	1 20	60	30	30	2 32	1 50	.....	.....	.....	16 50	5 62	2 33	2 33	35	60	30	2 32	13 80
Witch Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	80	93	39	39	5	10	5	39	2 30
Canetouchy	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	93	39	39	5	10	5	39	2 30
Suggsville	20 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTALS	$100 90	$97 56	$90 46	$27 15	$17 20	$ 6 24	$ 5 50	$69 01	$42 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	$128 90	$96 97	$96 97	$12 85	$22 00	$11 00	$95 73	$564 42

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	THEIR ADDRESS.	PASTORS.	Sab. of Meeting.	Baptized.	Rec'd. by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males in Fellowship.	Females in Fellowship.	Total Membership.	Sabbath Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. Church Mem. in Attendance.	Total Attendance.
Horeb	Grove Hill, Clarke county, Ala.	J. H. Creighton	3	2	..	..	6	..	..	19	42	61	1	3	25	15	29
Rockville	Singleton, Clarke county, Ala	J. H. Creighton	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	21	1	5	24	10	29
Grove Hill	Grove Hill, Clarke county, Ala	J. W. Dickinson	1	5	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	109	1	6	27	15	33
Amity	Suggsville, Clarke county, Ala	J. H. Creighton	4	5	..	..	..	2	15	30	45	..	..	..	..	..	
Peniel	Jackson, Clarke county, Ala.	A. J. Stringer	2	12	4	2	..	1	..	..	..	82	1	5	22	..	27
River Hill	Salitpa, Clarke county, Ala.	R. J. W. Dewitt	4	5	7	1	1	2	..	15	37	52	1	3	25	10	35
Stave Creek	Jackson, Clarke county, Ala.	R. J. W. DeWitt	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	15	25	..	..	..	..	..
*Pleasant Grove	Dead Level, Clarke county, Ala.	R. J. W. DeWitt	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	36	58	..	..	..	..	..
New Hope	Choctaw Corner, Clarke county, Ala.	J. W. Dickinson	3	..	1	1	13	8	1	42	92	134	..	..	..	..	..
Evergreen	Walker Springs, Clarke county, Ala.	J. V. Stringer	3	11	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	23	..	..	..	..	..
Forest Springs	Morvin, Clarke county, Ala.	A. J. Hearn	2	2	4	2	12	6	3	81	123	204	..	..	..	..	..
*Salem	Nettleborough, Clarke county, Ala.	J. H. Fendley	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	68	119	..	..	..	..	..
Cane Creek	Bethel, Wilcox county, Ala.	J. B. Small	3	4	1	8	16	9	..	..	..	56	1	3	23	..	26
Ulconush	Coffeeville, Clarke county, Ala.	A. J. Hearn	3	11	16	5	4	..	1	67	83	150	..	..	..	..	..
New Prospect	Bedsole, Clarke county, Ala.	J. H. Fendley	4	..	1	..	31	1	3	..	..	110	1	4	..	..	..
*Mt. Gilead	Walker Springs, Clarke county, Ala.	R. J. W. DeWitt	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	28	40	..	..	..	..	..
Elam	Glover, Clarke county, Ala.	J. H. Fendley	2	..	1	1	5	..	2	44	68	112	1	2	20	10	30
Mt. Vernon	Choctaw Corner, Clarke county, Ala.	J. B. Small	1	28	15	0	14	9	..	..	..	110	1	18	163	..	181
Hoboken	Hoboken, Marengo county, Ala.	A. J. Hearn	4	6	..	..	5	..	1	11	28	39	1	3	15	9	18
Deep Creek	Nicholsville, Marengo county, Ala.	W. H. DeWitt	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	82	1	9	88	..	88
Bassett's Creek	Grove Hill, Clarke county, Ala.	J. H. Fendley	3	6	1	2	..	3	35	60	95	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lower Peach Tree	Lower Peach Tree, Wilcox county, Ala.	J. W. Dickinson	2	1	9	..	..	..	..	15	17	32	..	..	..	..	..
West Bend	Coffeeville, Clarke county, Ala.	J. W. Dickinson	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	40	1	4	22	..	26
Jackson	Jackson, Clarke county, Ala.	J. H. Creighton	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	5	9	1	2	20	4	23
Friendship	St. Stephens, Washington county, Ala.	J. V. Stringer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..
Indian Springs	Clay Hill, Marengo county, Ala.	J. B. Small	4	7	7	1	3	..	..	..	..	56	1	8	52	..	60
Enon	Pine Hill, Wilcox county, Ala.	H. Adams	1	7	4	1	2	..	..	..	..	70	1	9	24	..	33
Witch Creek	Cunningham, Clarke county, Ala.	C. J. Miles	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	1	3	15	..	18
Canetouchy	Salitpa, Clarke county, Ala.	A. J. Stringer	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	4	9	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS				115	70	35	119	37	18	..	..	1068	16	87	565	73	636

*Not represented. These churches are as were reported last year.

The total membership shows fifteen less than reported last year, which is caused by several having withdrawn for the purpose of constituting other churches. There has been an increase in the membership since the last session of the Association. For a fuller report of Sabbath schools see report on Sabbath Schools. Clerks of Churches are requested to give full Church and Sabbath school Statistics.

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